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In Re: REZULIN

MDL 1348

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S.D. OF N.Y.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, transferring the above entitled action presently pending in your court, to the Southern District of New York and assigned to Judge KAPLAN for coordinated or consolidated pretrial processing pursuant to 28 USC 1407.

Please return the copy of this letter when transmitting YOUR FILE and a CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DOCKET SHEET.

Sincerely,
J. Michael McMahon

By: Dorothy Guranich
Deputy Clerk

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JUDICIAL PANEL ON
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ATTEST
FOR THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

IN RE REZULIN PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

**BEFORE WM. TERRELL HODGES, CHAIRMAN, JOHN F. KEENAN, D.
LOWELL JENSEN, J. FREDERICK MOTZ, ROBERT L. MILLER, JR.,
KATHRYN H. VRATIL* AND DAVID R. HANSEN, JUDGES OF THE PANEL**

TRANSFER ORDER

Presently before the Panel are motions, pursuant to Rule 7.4, R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), by plaintiffs in the ten actions listed on Schedule A to vacate the Panel's orders conditionally transferring the actions to the Southern District of New York for inclusion in the Section 1407 proceedings occurring there in this docket. The manufacturing defendants¹ oppose the motions and favor inclusion of these actions in the centralized pretrial proceedings.

On the basis of the papers filed and hearing session held, the Panel finds that these actions involve common questions of fact with actions in this litigation previously transferred to the Southern District of New York, and that transfer of the actions to that district for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of this litigation. Any pending or anticipated motions to remand to state court can be presented to and decided by the transferee judge. *See, e.g., In re Ivy*, 901 F.2d 7 (2d Cir. 1990); *In re Prudential Insurance Company of America Sales Practices Litigation*, 170 F.Supp.2d 1346, 1347-48 (J.P.M.L. 2001). The Panel further finds that transfer of these actions is appropriate for the reasons expressed in the original order directing centralization in this docket. In that order, the Panel held that the Southern District of New York was a proper Section 1407 forum for actions involving claims of liability for the allegedly adverse effects of Rezulin. *See In re Rezulin Products Liability Litigation*, MDL-1348 (J.P.M.L. June 9, 2000) (unpublished order).

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J. MICHAEL McMAHON,

CLERK

BY

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DEPUTY CLERK


* Judge Vratil took no part in the decision of this matter.

¹ Warner-Lambert Company LLC, its unincorporated division, Parke-Davis, and Pfizer Inc.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, these actions are transferred to the Southern District of New York and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there in this docket.

FOR THE PANEL:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. Terrell Hodges", written over a horizontal line.

Wm. Terrell Hodges
Chairman

SCHEDULE A

MDL-1348 -- In re Rezulin Products Liability Litigation

Eastern District of California

Kenny Breedlove, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 1:05-248
Mary Adair, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-201
Venson Adams, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-202
Salvatore Acquaviva, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-203
Lisa Alloway, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-204
Gary Allison, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-206
Earnest Adams, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-213
Judith Aiello, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-214
Richard Agman, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2:05-216

Western District of Texas

Daniel Alarcon v. Warner-Lambert Co., LLC, et al., C.A. No. 3:05-4